incidents under due process of law and on the basis of humanitarian considerations.

1418. (Transferred to 30th July, 1991]

Political prisoners detained in West Bengal

1419. SHRI S. MADHAVAN:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
DR. JINENDRA KUMAR JAIN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item published in the Hindu daily dated 25th June, 1991 relating to political prisoners detained in the State of West Bengal without trial;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government have enquired into the violation of detention rules, three years delay in filing charge-sheet and the injuries suffered by the prisoners, if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) Government have seen the Press Report in Question.

(b) and (c) The information has been called from the State Government and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Supply of aviation fuel to U.S. Aircrafts

1420. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 74 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 27th February, 1991 and state whether supply of aviation fuel to U.S. aircrafts after the start of Gulf War resulted in reduction of fuel availability for passenger aircrafts in the country and also for fuel requirements of Air India ?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): The supply of aviation fuel to US military aircraft had no effect on the availability of fuel for our domestic airlines and Air India whose flight schedules remained unaffected by the relatively modest quantities supplied to the US aircraft.

Strengthening of Indo-Pak Border

1421. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that infiltration of arms and trained terrorists into the country from the western border is still continuing;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government had to check the infiltration;

(c) if so, what is the progress made in sealing the border;

(d) when it is likely to be completed;

(e) whether Government are also considering to create a security belt along the border; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) Border Security Force has been deployed on the Indo-Pak border to check infiltration. More border out-posts have been established. Additional observation post-towers have been constructed. BSF has been equipped with additional vehicles for intensive patrolling and sophisticated equipments like telescopic binoculars for detection of infiltrators. Wrre-fencing and flood lighting has been provided in selected sensitive areas.

(e) and (f) No such proposal is under consideration.